JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

UTILITY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SPECIALIST

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
CURRENT SALARY RANGE: \$3733 TO \$4412 PER MONTH
ANTICIPATED OPENINGS: 1
THE DURATION OF THIS ELIGIBLE LIST IS ONE YEAR

<u>PURPOSE:</u> To perform a variety of responsible collection work for the Customer Service Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Two (2) years of verifiable experience performing collection and customer service work; or a combination of education and experience determined to be equivalent. Possession of a valid Minnesota Class D driver's license or privilege by the date of appointment and thereafter. Knowledge of collection techniques and processes. Knowledge of problem solving and negotiation techniques. Knowledge of general office procedures and basic bookkeeping and record keeping principles and practices. Knowledge of general accounting principles and practices. Knowledge of accepted business letter writing formats. Skill in effective communication, both orally and in writing. Skill in microcomputer operations and associated software applications including word processing, data base, and spread sheet. Skill in establishing, organizing, maintaining and updating manual and electronic files and records. Skill in interviewing customers and negotiating payment arrangements. Ability to work under stressful situations dealing with angry and upset customers. Ability to work independently and set work priorities. Ability to meet and deal effectively and courteously with delinquent account holders. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with ∞ -workers, supervisors, and the general public. Ability to make arithmetic ∞ mputations and to prepare statistical reports. Ability to keep accurate financial records and accounts. Ability to be bonded. Ability to operate a variety of standard office equipment including computer terminal, computer software, telephone, calculator, copy and fax machine requiring repetitive arm and finger movement. Ability to sit for extended periods, and to occasionally stand, walk, push, pull, stoop, and reach to carry out duties. Ability to lift and carry office supplies and equipment weighing up to 20 pounds, and to frequently lift and/or carry supplies weighing up to 10 pounds. Ability to attend work on a regular basis.

SELECTION PROCESS							
PHASE	EXAMINATION TYPE	WEIGHT	PASS POINT				
PHASE I	Education & Experience Review	40%	70% (Normed)				
PHASE II	Oral Performance	60%	70% (Normed)				

PHASE I

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE REVIEW: Applicants will be rated based on the type (relatedness) and extent of their education and experience as they document on the expanded application provided. Applicants with education and experience more directly related to that required for the job will be rated higher. Applicants with a greater level of related education and experience will be rated higher.



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PHASE II

ORAL PERFORMANCE TEST: The top 10 applicants will be invited to participate in the Oral Performance Test. Applicants eligible for Veterans Preference who pass the Education & Experience Rating will also be invited to the Oral Performance Test. Qualified applicants will be notified by letter regarding the date, time, and location of the Oral Performance Test. Applicants who pass the Oral Performance Test will have their names placed on an eligible list for this classification.

ALTERNATIVE EXAM PROCESS: For persons who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) alternative examination processes are available on an individual basis upon prior arrangement. Contact the Human Resources Division, 313 City Hall, (218) 730-5203, as soon as possible prior to the scheduled date of the exam. TDD services are available through 730-5630.

VETERANS: For applicants claiming veterans' preference, a legible discharge certificate (DD214) verifying 181 days of consecutive service, or service in Desert Storm/Desert Shield, and separation under honorable conditions MUST be filed WITH the application for veterans' preference. Failure to provide the required documentation may eliminate the candidate from subsequent steps in the selection process. Veterans' points will be added only if the applicant successfully completes all phases of the exam process and has submitted all required documentation to the Human Resources Division. For applicants daiming disabled veterans' preference a letter dated within one year from the Veterans' Administration documenting entitlement to compensation for a permanent service-connected disability MUST be filed WITH the application for veterans' preference.

In accordance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the City of Duluth requires verification of identity and work eligibility at the point of hire.

OBTAINING APPLICATIONS: Ap plications and veterans' preference forms are available at the Human Resources Division, 411 West First Street Room 313, Duluth, MN 55802 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays except holidays. The complete job description can befound on ourwebsite at www.duluthmn.gov/employment.

FILING APPLICATIONS: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE BY 4:30 PM LOCAL TIME ON THE CLOSING DATE OF November 27, 2009. Job applicants must meet all minimum qualifications listed above by the closing date of the application period. Applications may be submitted on line, mailed to or dropped off at the Human Resources Office. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify that applications are on file on or before the closing date.

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November 13, 2009

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in employment with the City of Duluth. In order to assist us in evaluating your background, you must complete the attached application forms.

The Education/Experience Rating will determine the top ten who progress to the second phase of the process, and will be 40% of the final score/rank on the eligible list. The information you submit on this application will be used to evaluate your education and experience. Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application forms.

You will receive credit only for information you give according to the instructions. A resume <u>may not</u> be used in lieu of a completed questionnaire. The application is considered an examination, and must be completed. Failure to complete the following questionnaire will prevent you from being considered further. A word processor version of this portion of the application is available for your convenience upon request.

Please attach this supplemental questionnaire to your standard application form, and return all materials to Room 313 City Hall by the closing date for filing applications. If you have any questions, or if you have a disability and need assistance with this application, please contact me at ctanner@duluthmn.gov or at 218-730-5203, or if using TDD, 730-5630.

Thank you again for your interest in employment with the City of Duluth. I look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Cliff Tanner Personnel Analyst

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

APPLICATION FORM:

- 1. Each paid or volunteer position you list on this supplemental questionnaire must also be listed on the standard application form.
- We will consider only experience accumulated within the past 10 years for rating purposes; however, experience prior to that time will be considered for the purpose of meeting the minimum qualifications for the position. Employment in a position held for 6 months or less will not be considered for rating purposes but will count towards the minimum qualification requirements.
- 3. Provide ALL information requested for each position you list (i.e. beginning and end dates of employment, hours worked per week, etc.). If the span of employment you list was interrupted for any reason (leave of absence, lay-off, military obligations, etc.) please make a note of that fact.
- 4. Failure to follow directions may affect your score on the Education/Experience Rating. Experience must be documented on the application form or you will not receive credit for it. We cannot assign point values for experience if you have failed to provide hours worked per week, beginning/ending dates of employment, etc.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE:

- Part 1: A. Check those requirements which you possess that qualify you for the position.
 - B. Identify by block number (the bold numbers printed on the standard application form beginning with the education section) the education or experience which documents those qualifications you possess.
- Part 2:

 A. Respond in each area by describing your work and education experience and identify with block numbers where you received your experience. If you need more room, attach additional signed and dated pages.

UTILITY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SPECIALIST SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE PART 1

<u>Minimum Requirements</u> Check the statements below which describe how your education/experience qualifies you for this position and indicate by Block Number(s) from the standard application form (ahead of this section) the education/experience that documents the qualification checked. You must check either the first or the second box to qualify for this position.

Two (2) years of verifiable experience performing collection and customer service work.						
Block N	umber(s):					
	-AND					
A valid Minnesota d	river's license, or equivalent.					
State:L	icense Number:					

For each task area on the following pages, describe your work and education experiences and identify where you received those experiences by reporting the block numbers from your standard application. Also please indicate what individuals can serve as references for you performing those functions. Please remember to respond in each area as completely as possible. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

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TASK II:	Determine when security deposits will customer accounts for release of sec	Il be required for activated accounts, and review urity deposits.
Block N	umbers:	
Referenc	es for this task:	
Signed:		Date:

TASK III:	Serve as liaison between social service agassistance.	gencies and customers in need of financial
Block Nu	ımbers:	
Reference	es for this task:	
Signed:		Date:

TASK IV: Recommend shutoff of services and	process service shutoff notices and orders.
Block Numbers:	
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References for this task:	
Signed:	Date:

TASK V:	Refer accounts to legal when	n such action may be required	d.
Block N	umbers:		
Reference	es for this task:		
Signed:			Date:



APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

An Equal Opportunity Employer

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION Human Resources Division

411 W. 1st Street - 313 City Hall Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1195

Phone: (218) 730-5210 Fax: (218) 730-5906

Email: hrinfo@duluthmn.gov

Title of Position for which you are applying:							
Joh Number							

READ PAGE 2 BEFORE YOU BEGIN - PRINT clearly with INK or TYPE

Last Name	First Na	ame	Middle Name	May we call you at work?
				Yes No
Street Address		Apt No.	Mobile Phone	Work Phone
City	State	Zip Code	Are you age 18 or older?	Home Phone
			Yes No	
Are you a United State	s Citizen or if not, do you have	e permission to work in the	nis country?	No
If you are not a U.S. ci	tizen, attach a copy of your IN	S employment authoriza	Yes tion form.	No
Have you legally chan	ged your name within the past	five years?		
If you list provious per			Yes	No
If yes, list previous nar	nes.			
If this position requires	driver's license, please provid	le information:		
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after having served on		e days or by reason of o	rable conditions from any branch o disability incurred while serving on	
Yes No _				
If yes, attach City of	Duluth Veterans Preference	Claim Form along with	required documentation (DD Fo	orm 214).
Have you ever been	convicted of a crime other th	an a parking ticket or	traffic moving violations?	
(You must check "Ye	es" for alcohol-related driving	g offenses)		
Yes No _				
You may answer "No" position of Police Office	if the conviction or criminal recer.	cords have been annulle	d, sealed, set aside, or purged, un	less you are applying for the
			county of conviction, date of convi u from employment, but will be use	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM

If you do not provide complete information, you may receive an inaccurate score or be removed from further consideration. So that your application will be processed accurately, do the following:

- Work Experience Section: For jobs with an experience of training rating, your score will be determined by an evaluation of the job-related experience and training you describe on the application. Be specific and complete.
 - List your present or most recent experience first, including all job-related volunteer and/or unpaid experience.
 - List each promotion as a separate job, even though it may have been with the same department or organization.
 - If you attach additional information sheet(s), include <u>all</u> of the information requested on the application, i.e., organization, position title, length of employment, total time, hours per week, major activities and percentages. If hours per week vary, please use the average number of hours per week.
 - Part-time work experience is prorated to the number of hours worked, using a 40-hour work week as the standard for full-time work.

- To receive proper credit, list the five most important and/or time-consuming duties and the percentage of time spend on <u>each</u> for each position. Do not include unimportant job duties which are performed only occasionally.
- Do not write "see prior applications."
- 2.) Your application and supporting material becomes the property of the City of Duluth upon submission and cannot be returned. Work samples, letters of recommendation and the like should <u>not</u> be submitted with the application. However, you may bring such material to an actual employment interview.
- 3.) It is your responsibility to notify our office (by mail or phone) of any name, address, or phone number changes.
- 4.) An accepted application is subject to later rejection if it does not show qualifications required by the examination announcement or if there is any false statement by an applicant during the hiring process. A false statement is also sufficient cause for discharge after appointment.

DATA PRIVACY ADVISORY

This application is to assist in the process of referring you to City departments for possible employment. Certain information requested on the application is private, that is, it may be released only to you or to City departments where you may be considered for employment. Names of applicants become public when certified as eligible for appointment to a vacancy or when the applicant is considered by the appointing authority to be a finalist for a position.

Private Data	Why we ask for it	Are you legally obligated to provide it?	What may happen if I don't provide it?
Name	To distinguish you from all other applicants	Yes	Failure to provide information may be cause for rejecting an application.
Social Security Number	To distinguish you from all applicants and to make processing more efficient	No	In most cases, nothing. However, it will help to ensure that we do not confuse your records with others.
Street Address Route or Box No.	To be able to send you notices	Yes	Failure to provide information may be cause for rejecting an application.
Telephone Numbers	To be able to contact you to determine availability for an interview	No	We may not be able to employ you in certain jobs where you may be required to come to work on short notice.
Sex, Racial/Ethnic, Disability status	To be able to make Equal Opportunity reports, and provide affirmative action.	No	We will not be able to accurately assess our recruitment efforts as an affirmative action employer.
			es such as walking, caring for yourself, seeing, hearing, ample, you have a visual problem corrected by glasses.
Conviction Records	To determine whether we may legally accept an application from you and to determine whether your record may be a job-related conviction.	Yes	We will not able to make determinations required by law.
Special Testing	To determine whether you need special testing arrangements	No	We will not be able to provide you necessary testing arrangements in a timely manner.

ALL OTHER INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION FORM IS PUBLIC. THAT IS, IT MAY BE GIVEN TO ANYONE FOR ANY PURPOSE.

IMPORTANT: This page and work experience attachments will be duplicated for the hiring authority.

Last Name	Last Name First Name			Middle Name				May we call you at work? Yes No		
Street Address			Apt. No.					Work Phone		
City	State	Zip C	ode		Mobile Phone			Home Phon	ne	
Title of Position	for which you are applying:									
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	BMIT A COPY OF YOUR COLLEGE TRANS					R A POSIT	ION REQU	IRING A COLL	EGE DEGREE	
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ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY ATTENTION – TI ANY FALSE STATEMENT OF	HIS STA	TEMENT MUST BE SIGNE	ED.		TED ABOVE.
Read the following statem	nents car	efully before you sign this	applicat	ion.	
I hereby authorize the City of Duluth and any agent acting or application, including, but not limited to my records maintaine authorize all current and previous employers (unless noted o history, including but not limited to, the nature of my employn hereby release the City of Duluth and any agent acting on its information from any person.	ed by an e otherwise) ment, wag	ducational institution relating to release any information in tes, attendance records, perfor	o academ heir files p mance re	nic performance. Dertaining to my oviews and discip	I hereby employment linary actions. I
YES YES, but not present employer until job	is offered	NO (we may be unable	to hire you	ı without this infor	mation)
Name and phone number of current or immediately previous sup	pervisor wh	no may be contacted as an empl	oyment re	ference:	
I certify that all of the statements by me in this application are faith. I understand that any false information or omission if employed. I have read the Data Privacy Advisory (page 2 meaning of that warning.	n of infori	mation from this application	may be	cause for rejecti	ion or dismissal
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:			DATE:		

General Authorization and Release Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13.05, subd. 4 Minnesota Data Practices Act

To:	City of Duluth Human Resources							
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AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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City of Duluth

Human Resources

Application Supplement

The following information is collected for statistical reporting purposes and will not be considered in the hiring decision. This page will be separated from the application and not communicated with individuals who have input to the hiring decision. This information is voluntary, but we ask that you complete it in order to assist us in our recruiting and reporting efforts. Please print clearly to prevent mistakes in data entry. Thank you for filling this out.

Last Name				First Name			Middle Name		
Street Address									
City			State				Zip Code		
Home Phone Number			Work Phone Number			Mobil	Mobile Phone Number		
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Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No									
If you answered "No," please check a box below:									
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Gender:	☐ Female	☐ Male							
Age Group:	□ Under 18	□ 18-25] 26-39	0 □ 40 or Over				
How did you hear about this job?									
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